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GREAT FUN AT THE SMOKER FOR THE BANKERS; LOTS OF STORIES

Everybody Had a Good Time and Almost Everybody Talked — Everybody Ate and Almost Everybody Drank.

"For it's always finer weather, When good fellows get together, With a stein on the table, And a good song ringing clear."

That was the song the bankers sang Tuesday night. And it was fair weather at the fraternal hall, when 500 good fellows got together with the steins on the table and the good song ringing clear.

For three hours the bankers romped and sang and yelled to their hearts' content at the informal feature of the evening, when everyone was privileged to take off his coat and have a good time.

The smoker opened with a Spanish dinner, served at tables scattered over the big ball room floor of the fraternal hall, and it looked like a night in Bohemia to see the bankers and business men, with the officers of the 23rd infantry dressed in spotless white, sitting around the tables, eating, drinking and singing with the abandon which comes with a week away from business cares and worries.

After the dinner the bankers gathered around the platform where the prominent bankers of the state and the visiting bankers from the east and middle west had been seated and for two hours listened to a rapid fire bombardment of fun from the entertainers among the bankers. John L. Dyer was the toastmaster. He introduced each of the talkers with a little speech telling of his past performance and pedigree and had the crowd whooping things up by the time the first one had started to speak.

The first of the smokers was a popularity contest between Jones, of New York, and Smith, of Chicago. Owen White, of the local entertainment committee, read letters from both of the contestants, telling of their families and their abilities as speakers and how good they were in entertaining crowds. "Statistical" Jones was introduced first. He was introduced as "Statistical" Jones, the man who was fed on facts and fattened on figures. Jones is a banker, a clockwork type of man, and he had the crowd all voting for the Jones and of the contest as soon as he got going.

He said he had heard so much about Jones and Smith that he was in a "Brown" study to know what to say. Right there he had to stop speaking to allow the crowd to get its breath out. He said he was saying that he had more towns named after him than

Smith, but that he drew the line at personalities. "Last week a man told me he had found another town named after me. I asked him if it was Jonesville or Jonesboro. He said that it was Bald Knob." As Mr. Jones has a few more hairs than Park Pitman, the joke caught on and it was smooth sailing after that for the representative of the Jones family. George Smith, of Chicago, was next introduced. In his letter to W. L. Tooley, chairman of the entertainment committee, read by Owen White, Smith said he did not want any brass band or school children to meet him at the train, but that he would never let a man named Jones get the best of a man named Smith, and he would consent to speak if the atmospheric conditions were right.

The smoker committee saw to it that these conditions were perfect and Smith had the same crowd whooping it up for the status before he had finished speaking. He told as many stories as Jones and got as many laughs from the bankers. The Smith-Jones contest was declared a draw and the two men retired with honors.

The Hebrew Banker. J. Hirsch, of Corpus Christi, introduced himself to the bankers as the only Hebrew banker among all the bankers present, paid a tribute to his nation and told stories about them until it was "Go on, Hirsch" from all parts of the house. Mr. Hirsch has the stage presence of a paid entertainer and he told stories so fast that the crowd begged him to stop so they could get their breath.

Letters and More Speeches. More letters were offered in evidence against Mr. Hirsch. H. R. Eldridge, J. W. Hoopes, Joseph T. Talbert and Judge O. E. Dunlap. Each of these men responded after their letters were read. Secretary Hoopes was forced to tell how it happened that he brought his wife to the convention and was given a vote of sympathy in the form of a resolution. The secretary said he was a representative of the bankers of New York. He told of his troubles in reaching El Paso by way of two dry states and one wet one, the wet one being made so by the high waters of the Mississippi and the dry one by the prohibition. He then told stories on Judge Dunlap himself and the other bankers, and closed by telling the crowd how glad he was to meet them. The letter read to the bankers, supposedly from Joseph T. Talbert, was in verse and told of his wanderings around the banking world before he arrived in Manhattan at 25 Broadway.

Cornel's orchestra played during the serving of the dinner and a male quartet under the leadership of Parvina Witte sang a number of selections, including "The Stein Song," with all the bankers joining in on the chorus. Mr. Witte also sang a tenor solo, which was encored repeatedly by the crowd.

afternoon and evening of both days will be given to relaxation and social billy, while the third day will be occupied in seeing the industrial enterprises of El Paso, and the National sport of the people on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande river. The bankers and entertainment committee of the El Paso banking institutions have made every preparation to insure this twenty-sixth annual convention being one to be remembered with delight.

Some of the resolutions that some of the most important resolutions to be acted on, including the election of officers, come at the closing hour of our state conventions, when a majority of the delegates have slipped away from the meeting for pleasure or personal business. It is earnestly desired that the El Paso convention may be an exception in this regard. The committee has reduced the business sessions to only the morning hours of the first two days, and have left the third day wholly for relaxation; so that it should not be considered a hardship for members to attend the business sessions of the convention until everything on the program is disposed of, and also welcome and encourage the incoming officers when they are installed.

WENT TO ARIZONA FOR HIS HEALTH; NOW OWNS A RANCH. A. E. Plummer, president of the Southern Arizona Bank and Trust company, of Tucson, came out west for his health 10 or 15 years ago. He came from Tucson, where he represented a big packing concern. After living like an Indian for a while, Mr. Plummer invested what little money he had in Tucson real estate and now he is president of the second largest bank in the Arizona city. He has only been at it seven years, too.

ADDED TO THE "CURSE." J. G. Spang, who divides his interests between his family, his automobile and his bank. He is cashier of the Mesa, Arizona, City bank, and with John Ellis, of Douglas, represents the Arizona bankers' association.

BISBEE CITIZENS PLAN TO SECURE RAINMAKER. Comet Parties Now the Rage in Mining Town—Three Runaway Accidents in One Day—General News Notes.

Bisbee, Ariz., May 11.—Plans are being made to invite rainmaker Hatfield, of California, to come and try his method of bringing down some good showers. Hatfield is said to be anxious to visit this section and has stated that should he be unable to make good he shall receive no pay.

S. Batters, shift boss at the Oliver mine, was thrown to the ground and injured while his horse, which ran away, demolished his rig.

Breaking loose from the rear of a wagon where it had been attached, a saddle horse belonging to E. B. Mason & Co. of this city, started from the Copper Queen plaza at a rapid speed, crossed Johnson addition and Lowell, and was captured in the neighborhood of Warren, after running five miles.

A buggy driven by A. E. Dudley, a blacksmith, was upset and the driver was slightly injured.

The Cochise County Medical association met at the Copper Queen dispensary and discussed the threatened typhoid fever epidemic. The cases reported are of the most virulent nature, a number of Tombstone canyon residents suffering most.

The board of trade has arrangements for the observance of Decoration day. Comet parties are all the rage here. It has now become fashionable for select parties to gather almost every night to see the comet at its best. Incidentally enjoying a good time.

Owing to the continuous drought most of the ranchers have sent their cattle to New Mexico, Utah or California. Heavy shipments have been

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Fresh Valley Asparagus 4 bunches for	Strictly fresh Butter, 35c or 3 lbs. for	\$1.00
Fine new Potatoes, 6 lbs. for	Strictly fresh Kansas Eggs, per doz.	25c
New Summer Squash, 2 lbs. for	Mountain Park Eggs, (never 4 days old) per doz.	40c
New Cucumbers, each	4 lbs. best Bulk Starch for	25c
Calif. Head Lettuce (large size) 2 for	6 bars Crystal White Soap, for	25c
Green or Wax Beans, 3 lbs. for	8 bars Diamond C. Soap, for	25c
Fresh Tomatoes (best of the season) per lb.	3 boxes Old Dutch Cleanser for	25c
Pie Plant (large size) fresh daily, 3 lbs. for	Brass Wash Board, regular 40c quality, for	25c
New Valley Turnips, Beets, Mustard Greens, all 3 bunches for	Ripe or Green Olives, per qt.	45c
New Valley Peas, per lb.	Full cream Cheese, per lb.	20c
Best Head Rice, 3 lbs. for	Shredded Wheat, 2 pkgs. for	25c
Pearl Meal, white or yellow, 7 lbs. for	Post Toasties, 3 pkgs. for	25c
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Insist upon having El Paso dairy milk. The pure fresh and sanitary kind. Both phones and city office.

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When you go to the Jackson Sanitary Grocery for your vegetables you are certain to get fresh and choice stock because this store receives fresh shipments daily.

Wood's ice cream has no equal. Auto phone. N. Oregon St.

Refrigerators, all sizes, all prices at real bargains if you go to Springer's.

ADVOCATES USE OF BANK MONEY ORDERS

Travelers' Checks Save Time and Money to Travelers and Others.

"Bank money orders," or travelers' checks, were advocated for general use, by Fred I. Kent, vice president of the Bankers' Trust company, of New York, before the Texas convention of bankers Wednesday. In part, he said: "The term 'money order' being popular and seemingly more understandable to the masses than the word 'draft,' it has been used more or less by bankers and is apparently well known to stay. It is not surprising that bankers, hotel keepers, shop keepers and others should feel inclined to welcome such a system as the American Bankers' association travelers' check. It means a saving to them of both time and money, time, because they can easily become

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We figure out the hat proposition about this way—

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And that's all because the hat he bought was the right hat.

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HAS POCKETFUL OF BOGUS CHECKS—POLICE TRUST HIM.

O. H. Sullivan Says the Bankers Are Easy Prey for Pen Artists—Has Many Evidences.

Hist! Sheel! Tush! Plisht! See that man over there? Speak softly. Well, he has a pocketful of bum checks. What?

Grab him! Search him! Turn him over to the purrlool! A daring criminal, no doubt, come to rob the poor unsuspecting bankers of their hard earned cash.

But hold! See there is a tag on his coat. What does it say? "O. H. Sullivan, Protectograph." Oh, that's all right. He should carry the bum checks. That's his business.

Mr. Sullivan is not a robber. Quite the contrary. He is a scientist. It is his business to tell bankers how to know a bad check when they meet one. And that is not easy. The visitor represents a company which furnishes a system to detect a bad check and drafts. It is preventive, not detective.

Look at some of Mr. Sullivan's bad checks. He has one raised from \$1 to \$40 without any erasing. It is very simple. The "one" is written over and made into "forty" without missing a stroke. He also has one showing a change from \$1 to \$50. That is simple; also another where the former had altered the little perforations from \$10 to \$40. That is difficult. It is done with coldium, you can see the glaze on the back of the check. This one was done by erasing—with acid, of course.

Paper rising is on the increase, statistics will prove it, declares the bad check expert. "It is a very simple thing to do. There are all sorts of ways to do it, and all sorts of men are doing it."

THE MEN WHO HAVE HEADED THE BANKERS' ASSOCIATION

The Officers Who Have Served for the Past Year at the Head of the Organization of Texas Bankers.

Following are the retiring officers of the Texas Bankers' association—the men who have served during the past year:

O. E. Dunlap, Waxahatche, president. J. T. Scott, Houston Dist. No. 1, vice president.

J. K. Woods, Laredo, Dist. No. 2, vice president. F. H. Welch, Dist. No. 3, vice president.

L. C. Wells, Corsicana, Dist. No. 4, vice president. J. A. Padonum, Texarkana, Dist. No. 5, vice president.

W. T. Smith Blanket, Dist. No. 6, vice president. A. D. McLaughlin, Hamlin, Dist. No. 7, vice president.

J. W. Hoopes, Austin, Secretary. DeWitt C. Dunn, Houston, assistant secretary.

Thos. W. Slack, Fort Worth, treasurer. Legislative committee—G. L. Blackford, Denison, chairman; John Sealy, Galveston; Nathan Adams, Dallas; N. S. Graham, San Antonio; F. M. Law, Beaumont.

Information and Statistics—Oscar

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THE TIME IS RIFE FOR MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS

"The result of municipal ownership of waterworks throughout the country has been satisfactory. Private ownership of waterworks can only be regarded as a temporary expedient in the early stages of a city's growth. Municipal ownership at this time without acquiring the present plant is impractical and inadvisable. It would heavily burden the city with debt and would be extremely costly to install."—From the report of the second water committee, James H. Harper, chairman.

Read Hoyt Furniture Co.'s advertisement on society page, this issue.

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"By acquiring the present plant by the proposed plan we can work out our own system on a broad policy that will concern itself solely with the public benefit. If in future the city desires to put in a duplicate plant that will furnish water from the river valley for fire purposes, sewer flushing, street sprinkling, etc., while conserving the means supply for domestic purposes, the city can do this work more cheaply and more satisfactorily than could a private company."—From the report of the second water committee, James H. Harper, chairman.

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